## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 374 By Rice

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Paula Hayes on being nominated for Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Paula Hayes is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, Paula has recently been nominated for Clarksville-Montgomery County's Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting meritorious service to education and devotion to the children she teaches; and

WHEREAS, Paula Hayes is a third-grade teacher at St. Bethlehem Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she has more than 20 years of experience; and

WHEREAS, Paula Hayes sees the computer as a gateway to the world for her students; and

WHEREAS, she predicts that every home will have a computer - much like every home will have a television - by the time her students reach high school; and

WHEREAS, she believes the advancement of technology has put a new spark into her teaching; and

WHEREAS, her class communicates regularly with students around the world through the Internet and had a video-conference with another classroom in Columbia during the International Read-In Day; and

WHEREAS, she encourages her students to read, not only for assignments, but because they enjoy it; and

WHEREAS, Paula continues to learn with her students as she introduces new technology skills to her students; and

WHEREAS, Paula Hayes' dedication to quality education and the highest ideals of public service is clearly deserving of this legislative body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Paula Hayes on being nominated for Clarksville-Montgomery County's Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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